



Cave Survey Synopsis

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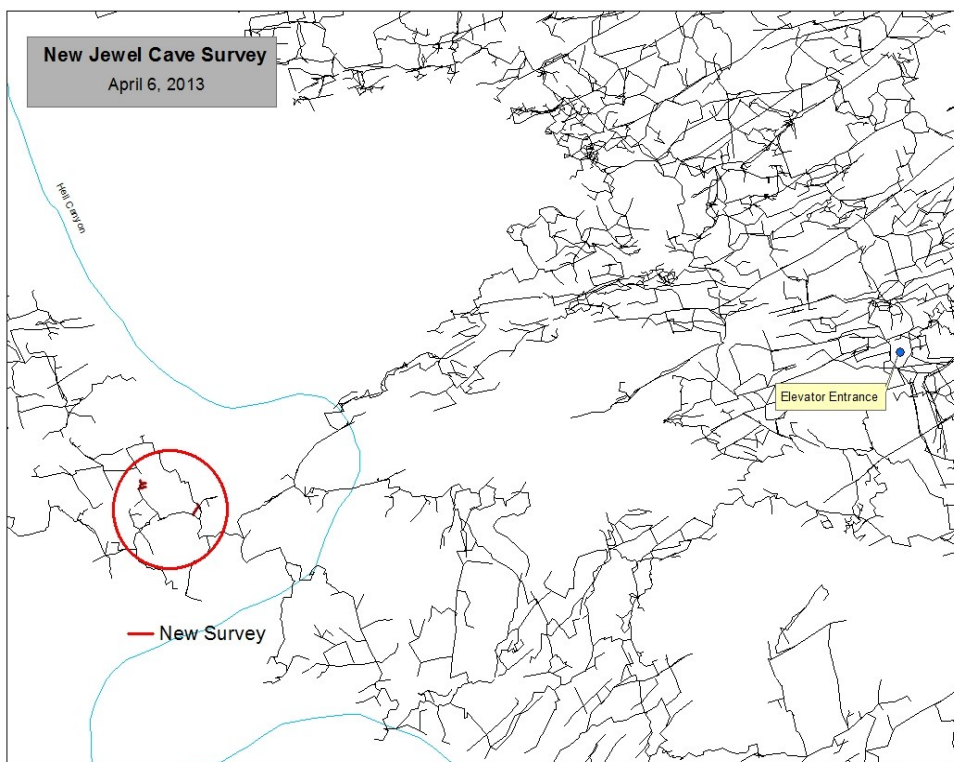
Jack Torness



Chris in an awkward spot to read the compass. NPS Photo



Tim negotiates a squeeze called "The Crafty Maneuver." NPS Photo



The purpose of this 11-hour trip was to check several leads along the main travel route leading to the western branch of the cave. Most of the leads did not continue, but the team was able to map 125 feet. Near the end of the day, they surveyed into a small crawl, which appears to go south over the top of the main passage. This lead will be finished on the next trip.

They also evaluated a climb in a room called Lots More Cave, to see what gear would be needed to negotiate it on a future trip.

***The current length of Jewel Cave is
166.39 miles.***